

OPINION 1497

Opius Wesmael, 1835 (Insecta, Hymenoptera): *Opius pallipes* Wesmael, 1835 designated as type species

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers all previous designations of type species for the nominal genus *Opius* Wesmael, 1835 are hereby set aside and *Opius pallipes* Wesmael, 1835 is designated as type species.

(2) The name *Opius* Wesmael, 1835 (gender: masculine), type species *Opius pallipes* Wesmael, 1835, by designation under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *pallipes* Wesmael, 1835, as published in the binomen *Opius pallipes* (specific name of the type species of *Opius* Wesmael, 1835), is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2561

An application for the designation of *Opius pallipes* Wesmael, 1835 as type species of *Opius* Wesmael, 1835 was received from Dr R. A. Wharton (*Texas A & M University, Texas, U.S.A.*) on 17 March 1986. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 369–371 (December 1986). Notice of the case was given to ten general and ten specialist serials. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 370. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Mroczkowski, Ride, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 1: Lehtinen.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Dupuis abstained because the application gave no information about the proposed type species of *Opius*, *O. pallipes*. In reply to this point, Dr R. A. Wharton has said that he (see reference below) has designated a female specimen in the Institut Royal des Sciences Naturelles de Belgique, Brussels, as lectotype.

Original references

The following are the original references to names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Opius Wesmael, 1835, *Nouveaux Mémoires de l'Académie Royale des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Bruxelles*, 9: 115.

pallipes, *Opius*, Wesmael, 1835, *Nouveaux Mémoires de l'Académie Royale des Sciences et Belles-Lettres de Bruxelles*, 9: 118.

The reference for the designation of the lectotype of *Opius pallipes* is:

Wharton, R. A., 1987, *Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington*, 89: 66.